## Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.1503085602

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1. Nam	le (indicate p	oreferred name)			
historic Qua	aker Neck Middle S	School			
	•	CHOOL			
and/or common	same as above	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·	
2. Loca	ation				
street & number	Quaker Neck, SE	corner of Johnsontown	n and Quaker Neck	Rds not for publication	l ———
city, town	Chestertown	_x vicinity of	congressional distric	t First	
state Man	ryland	county	Kent		
3. Clas	sification				
Category district _X_ building(s) structure site _ object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considerednot_applicable	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private resider religious scientific transportation other:	
4. Own	er of Prop	<b>erty</b> (give names a	nd mailing addres	ses of <u>all</u> owners)	
name Rita T	Trew, et al., Trus	tees			
street & number	c/o Baer, Marks	& Upham, 299 Park Av	venue telephone	no.:	
city, town Ne	ew York	-	and gin code	w York 10017	
		gal Description		w York 10017	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Ke	nt County Court House	<u>,                                      </u>	liber <sub>EHP</sub> 45	
street & number		,		folio 334	
city, town	Chestertown,		stat	e Marvland 21620	
		n in Existing	Historical Su		
title					
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depository for su	urvey records				
city, town			stat	e	

7. Description			Survey No. K-308		
Condition		Check one	Check one		
excelient good	deteriorated ruins	unaltered _X_ aitered	original site moved date of move		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

\_ fair

\_ unexposed

The frame structure is one story tall with a gable roof and slightly lower one story, one-bay extensions at the front and rear gables. The entry is from the northern gable.

	-1499 archeology-historic -1599 agriculture -1699x architecture	community planning conservation economics	iaw iiterature military music impliosophy	religion cup science cup sculpture cup social/ humanitarian cup theater cup other (specify)
Specific	dates	Builder/Architect		
check:	Applicable Criteria:A and/or Applicable Exception:A		EFG	
	Level of Significance:	national state	local	
Prepare	both a summary paragraph of	of significance and	a deneral statement of	of history and

Survey No.K-508

Significance

support.

Shown as "School No. 1" in the 1877 atlas of Kent County, this simple structure may have been the first of the many one-room schools built in rural Kent County during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Until about 1930 this school served white children from grades 1-7, after which, if they continued their schooling at all, they went to high school in Chestertown. Most of Kent County's one-room schools have been torn down; this is one of the few remaining. Although it has from time to time been used as a residence since discontinuance of its educational use, through its form it is still clearly lentifiable as built for school use.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographi	cal Data		
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Verbal boundary description a	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		or county boundaries
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11. Form Prepa	ared By	·	
County Commi	, Surveyor and ssioners of K ociety of Ken	Cent County	Fallaw, Surveyor  date 5/1/81
street & number Church All	•		778–4600 telephone 778–3499
city or town Chestertown	<del>~</del> ,		. ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

Maryland Historical Trust

Shaw House

21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

,1 Description (continued)

#### BUILDING FORM AND MATERIAL

- 1. Size Main Section: 1 story, 1 bay wide, 2 deep Wing A: 1 story, 1 bay wide, 1 wide Wing B: 1 story, 1 bay wide, 1 wide
- 2. Plan type Single room with front entry or cloakroom and a rear extension.
- 3. Roof type Main section: gable; Wings: gable
- 4. Chimney(s) At southern gable of main section. This chimney is of a recent date.

Materials: Brick

Decorative elements: corbelled cap

5. Material/Walls- Main Section: Frame; type: 4½" weatherboarding

Wing A: Frame; type:  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " weatherboarding

Wing B: Frame; type:  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' weatherboarding

6. Material/Roofs - Main Section: asphalt shingles (blue-green)

Wing A: asphalt shingles (blue-green)

Wing B: asphalt shingles (blue-green)

- 7. Material/Foundation Main Section: brick
- 8. Age Main Section: Ca. 1875
- 9. Style Vernacular

#### BUILDING ELEMENTS AND DETAILS

- 1. Doors Main entry: Center of northern gable. The entry has a modern wooden door and screen door set in a  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " beaded frame. There is a 2-light transom with a beaded transom bar.
- 2. Windows Main section: type: double hung

lights: 6/6

details: Same frame as door, plain sills

shutters: Louvered with lower panel; wood; original with

original hardware.

Wings: type: double hung

lights: Entry has 4/4 window in sides

details: same as main section

shutters: Same as main section on entry; Wing B - none

- 3. Dormers None
- 4. Roof details Main section: Simple overhanging box cornices throughout
- 5. porch(es) None

#### CONTINUATION SHEET

- .2 Description (continued)
- 6. Color White/ blue-green shutters Historic: ?
- 7. Other This building is almost identical to K-309, the old school at Cliff City.

#### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

- 1. Plan type Single room with front and rear extensions
- 2. Major stair None
- 3. Major mantles None
- 4. Major trim Windows/doors: Plain unbeaded

Baseboards:

Cornices:

Chair rails:

- 5. Major doors -
- 6. Floors -
- Walls/ceiling finishes -

#### OUTBUILDINGS/SITE DESCRIPTION

- 1. Major outbuildings: None
- 2. Site description The school building stands at a curve of Quaker Neck Road where it meets Johnsontown Road. The building is located on a rise of ground facing northwest. The building is surrounded by overgrown lawns dotted with large old trees. Behind the old school are woods lands.
- 3. Views to/from site The primary view is that of the Johnsontown/Quaker Neck intersection. In the winter there is a distant view of Clarks Conveniency (K-92). Directly to the east is the woodsland where the Quaker Neck Friends Meeting once stood (K-305).

#### USE OF BUILDING

- 1. Current: Vacant
- 2. Historic: Elementary school/ residence

HISTORY OF BUILDING/PAST OWNERSHIP

See K-309, Cliffs City School

Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE Maryland

COUNTY Kent

TOWN Chestertown VICINITY Quaker Neck

STREET NO. Incl. 289

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE SCHOOL
PRESENT OWNER Bartus Trew
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY K- 308

2. NAME Quaker Neck Middle School

DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endongered No Interior Exterior good

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plon Optional)

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

7. PHOTOGRAPH

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD Oct 1969



# One Room School Houses . . . Early Victims Of



QUAKER NECK MIDDLE SCHOOL

EARLY VICTIMS of the horseless carriage, like thousands of others throughout the country, are these two one-room schools in Kent's Quaker Neck. They were known as Middle School, located at the juncture of Johnsontown Road, Quaker Neck Road and lower Quaker Neck Landing Road; and Cliff's School, just two and a half miles further down the neck.

Middle School is now owned by Bartus Trew, descendant of a Quaker Neck family that goes 'way, 'way back to the earliest days of the coming of English settlers to Maryland. The building has been completely refurbished and is used as a dwelling.

Cliff's School is owned by James M. McKay. It is not used for any particular purpose but is kept in an excellent state of repair, and the grounds are mowed and bushes trimmed. Pupils from nearby farms walked to classes at these schools over rutted, muddy roads.

When the automobile came along, authorities thought Pomona School was close enough to serve the elementary grades for all of Quaker Neck, and closed Middle and Cliff's schools.

So, some pupils rode tin lizzies to class in Pomona, but most of them travelled by dearborn, carriage or horseback, and many of them still walked! Were those the good, old days? Depending upon the age groups involved, you can get an argument on the subject!

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